

fairly well my position on it but I do feel I should add something to this debate because I would say probably I have spent more time in our state park and recreation areas than all the members of this body put together because you know my background, and notice I emphasize recreation areas. We shouldn't be just talking about parks. The bigger part of this problem are the many recreation areas, I think something in the order of 90 or so. I'd like to address some of the things that have been said, not only here on Final Reading but on other debates on this issue. Senators Newell and Chambers both know, I guess, when you talk about gas tax, as Senator Newell mentioned gas that is a bird in the bush. We are talking about a bird in the hand today and I think realistically you understand that we can talk about gas taxes and getting money from the highway users fund and so forth, we're talking about something that is not going to happen and I'm sure you realize that. It is an unrelated issue at this point. We are talking about the bill before us. Again, I would say let's think about our recreation areas and, Senator Chambers, if you especially would have spent a lot of time, all the hundreds and thousands of hours that I did at an area called Fremont State Recreation Area. This debate on General File took the form that somehow or another we were stealing from the poor to subsidize vacation spots, et cetera, for the rich. I would assure you that you don't see many wealthy people at Fremont State Lakes. I'm not saying that at all to be negative. Senator Lowell Johnson I think would back me up on this. I think our most wealthy citizens go to Yellowstone Park. They go to Las Vegas. They go to Disney World. They don't go to Fremont Recreation Area. We see young couples out there, low income people by the thousands, by the thousands, fishing for carp in Lake #5, et cetera, because they can't afford to go any further. Take a look at our Salt Valley Lakes here in Lancaster County. You don't see any 20 foot inboard, outboard motors out there. You see an awful lot of people that are fishing for crappies, elderly people from Lincoln because they don't have that big boat to pull out to Lake McConaughy and they don't have the gas to put in it if they did. So let's think about these recreation areas. This is the kind of people we are talking about. Our existing program again, as Senator Hefner said, is unchanged in 22